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Number of deaths reported during March, 1902 (a).....	96
Number of deaths reported during March, 1901 (a).....	127
Number of births reported during March, 1902 (a).....	149
Number of births reported during March, 1901 (a).....	66

^aThese figures are for the city proper, the playa, and surrounding district of Ponce, P. R.

Summary of transactions of service during the month of March, 1902.

PONCE, P. R., April 7, 1902.

Total number of vessels inspected during March, 1902.....	18
Total number of vessels inspected during March, 1901.....	16
Total number of bills of health issued during March, 1902.....	36
Total number of bills of health issued during March, 1901.....	29
Number of passengers inspected during March, 1902 (incoming).....	201
Number of passengers inspected during March, 1902 (in transit).....	344
Number of crew inspected during March, 1902.....	845
Number of vessels in quarantine during March, 1902.....	4
Number of immigrants inspected during March, 1902.....	40
Rejections.....	0
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected during March, 1902.....	91
Number of pieces of baggage inspected and passed during March, 1902.....	82
Number of sacks of mail disinfected during March, 1902.....	3

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce for the week ended April 5, 1902.

PONCE, P. R., April 7, 1902.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended April 5, 1902. April 2, steamship *Maracaibo*, from Maracaibo and Curaçao, with 1 immigrant. April 4, French steamship *St. Domingue*, from Fort de France and Saint Thomas, with 1 immigrant. Total, 2.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING.

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at San Juan for the week ended April 5, 1902.

SAN JUAN, P. R., April 8, 1902.

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended April 5, 1902. April 3, French steamship *St. Simon*, from Havre, Bordeaux, and Saint Thomas, West Indies, with 4 immigrants.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,

Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Foreign and insular statistical reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.

AFRICA—*Sierra Leone*.—Three weeks ended March 20, 1902. Estimated population, 40,000. Total number of deaths, 50. No contagious diseases reported.

BRAZIL—*Pernambuco*.—Two weeks ended February 28, 1902. Esti-

mated population, 200,000. Total number of deaths, 231, including smallpox, 27, and 40 from phthisis pulmonalis.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales.*—The deaths registered in 76 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended March 29, 1902, correspond to an annual rate of 18.2 per 1,000 of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 14,862,003.

London.—One thousand six hundred and fourteen deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 54; scarlet fever, 12; diphtheria, 30; whooping cough, 53; enteric fever, 6; smallpox, 61, and diarrhea and dysentery, 11. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 18.4 per 1,000. In Greater London 2,177 deaths were registered. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 9 from diphtheria, 6 from measles, 14 from smallpox, and 5 from whooping cough.

Ireland.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended March 29, 1902, in the 21 principal town districts of Ireland was 23.7 per 1,000 of the population, which is estimated at 1,092,322. The lowest rate was recorded in Newry, viz, 8.3, and the highest in Kilkenny, viz, 44.7 per 1,000. In Dublin and suburbs 211 deaths were registered, including enteric fever, 2; measles, 1; scarlet fever, 2; whooping cough, 2, and 37 from tuberculosis.

Scotland.—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended March 29, 1902, correspond to an annual rate of 20.3 per 1,000 of the population, which is estimated at 1,629,923. The lowest mortality was recorded in Edinburgh, viz, 12.1, and the highest in Aberdeen, viz, 28.4 per 1,000. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 655, including diphtheria, 6; measles, 14; scarlet fever, 3, and 13 from whooping cough.

ITALY—*Milan.*—Month of February, 1902. Estimated population, 499,683. Total number of deaths, 879, including diphtheria, 7; enteric fever, 14; measles, 10; smallpox, 3, and 71 from tuberculosis.

JAPAN—*Nagasaki.*—Period from March 11 to March 20, 1902. Estimated population, 131,700. Total number of deaths not reported. One death from enteric fever reported.

ST. HELENA.—Two weeks ended March 8, 1902. Estimated population, 3,342. Total number of deaths, 13. No deaths from contagious diseases.

SPAIN—*Valencia.*—Two weeks ended March 31, 1902. Estimated population, 204,000. Total number of deaths, 188, including enteric fever, 2, and 3 from smallpox.

Vigo.—Month of March, 1902. Estimated population, 22,000. Total number of deaths, 45. No deaths from contagious diseases reported.